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community mental health program

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PRESS STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH,
DR D.N. EVERINGHAM

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MORE FEDERAL MONEY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH PROGRAM

The Federal Government is to provide more money for the Western Australian Government's community mental health program.

The Australian Government originally provided \$606,000 to Western Australia as part of the Nation-wide allocation for 1973/74 of \$7.5 million for mental health and related programs.

Dr Everingham said that the Western Australian Government had recently completed a review of progress to date under its Community Mental Health Program. The review had indicated a saving of \$103,800 on the original grant of \$606,000. However, the Western Australian authorities had submitted six additional projects involving expenditure of \$364,000 in 1973/74.

Dr Everingham said the saving on some of the originally approved projects, together with the approval of the six additional projects would mean that the final Federal Government grant for mental health services in Western Australia during 1973/74 would now be \$866,400 - an overall increase of \$260,200.

The attachment gives details of the six new projects being funded by the Federal Government in Western Australia.

Canberra, June 7, 1974.

ATTACHMENT

Locality	Electorate	Project	Objective	1973/74 Allocation \$
Perth	Perth	Supervised Hostel	To provide accommodation for the training of mentally retarded chil- dren in elementary social skills (toilet and eating habits etc.)	300,000
Melville	Fremantle	Day Activity Centre	Purchase of land - construction planned for 1975/76	25,000
Palmyra	Fremantle	"	Purchase of land - centre for mentally retarded children.	25,000
Armadale) Midland Junction)	Canning) Moore)	Outpatient Clinics	Planning and preparation costs - construction planned for 1974/75	10,000
Perth	Perth	Graduate Welfare	Employment of three additional officers in the nature of high quality mental health visitors	3,000
Perth	Perth	Graduate Assistant	To undertake statistical research and evaluation in forward planning for facilities for the mentally retarded.	1,000
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